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Circular to

INSPECTORS AND TEACHERS

Re

*Public School Courses of Study and
Examination Requirements
in Form V*



ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Issued by Authority of
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
1921



IN view of the requests made from several parts of the Province, the Minister has decided that subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 25 (d) of the Public and Separate Schools Regulations of 1915, and where the staffs are competent as certified by the Public School Inspector, the Principal of any Public or Separate School may, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, substitute the Lower School Course as set forth in the circular issued in June and containing "Changes in the Courses of Study and Examination Requirements in Continuation Schools, High Schools, and Collegiate Institutes", for the Course prescribed for Form V in the Public and Separate Schools Regulations of 1915; except that in the case of Public and Separate Schools, Greek, Spanish, and Italian shall not be included among the optional subjects.

In 1922 Public School Graduation Diplomas will be granted as follows:—

1. Junior or Senior Diplomas to pupils who pass in June the examinations leading to these Diplomas as provided in the Public and Separate Schools Regulations of 1915.

2. Senior Diplomas to pupils of Form V who have passed examinations on at least ten subjects of the new Lower School Course.

NOTE:—English (Literature and Composition) is to be considered as one subject.

The effect of the new arrangement will be to allow the teachers of classes in Form V to adopt, with the consent of the School Board, the new Lower School Course as set forth in the circulars issued in June and August. *Copies of these circulars are being sent to you by concurrent mail.*

The language options of the new course can, however, be allowed only under the conditions which have hitherto applied to classes in Form V, as below:—

- (1) Latin, French, and German may be taken up only in schools with two or more teachers.

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(2) The teachers of Latin shall hold at least a First or a Second Class certificate and shall have passed, in the language, the Middle or Upper School Departmental examination, or a University examination approved by the Minister.

(3) The teachers of French and German shall hold either, at least, a First or a Second Class certificate and shall have passed a Departmental or a University examination in the language they undertake to teach; or, in lieu thereof, a special certificate granted by the Minister of Education on submission of proof of academic and professional qualifications enabling them to teach the language in a Public or Separate School.

It has not been deemed advisable to admit the options in Greek, Spanish, and Italian until there is a reasonable assurance that there are teachers employed in Form V classes fully qualified to teach these languages.

The options selected should be submitted in all cases for the approval of the Public or Separate School Inspector as the case may be.

For 1921-22 the Examinations and Courses for Junior and Senior Public School Graduation Diplomas will be continued as heretofore; but candidates from those schools which elect the new Lower School Course will be granted the Senior Graduation Diploma on the satisfactory completion of at least ten subjects of the Lower School Course as prescribed in the Courses of Study forwarded you herewith.

Whilst the local educational authorities are left free in all cases to select the Course subject to the terms of the Circulars, it is advised that Arithmetic and Grammar should be among the options selected.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

TORONTO, September, 1921.

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